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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 12, 1999

To: BOL - File

From: ^{/TWM} Tom Miller - FOS - Collinsville

Subject: I PC# 1631000003 - St. Clair County
National City/St. Louis Auto Shredding
Compliance File

Re: Site Summary

February 9, 1993: Inspection photos and site sketch (Roll# 2026 - Photos 7-12) from Doug Hayward, Collinsville Region Tire Inspector. Mr. Hayward escorted Ken Mensing, Collinsville Region FOS Manager to the site to observe numerous drums of unknown waste material that was discovered during the performance of a tire cleanup in the vicinity of the drums. The property is located about a mile north of the St. Louis Auto Shredding facility.

March 30, 1993: Ken Mensing, performed an Open Dump Inspection at the site and observed 27 (55 gallon) drums of unknown waste material and a large area of barren land surrounding the drums. Ed Karkut of St. Louis Auto Shredding was contacted and informed about the drums discovered on this property. Mr. Karkut confirmed that St. Louis Auto Shredding owned this piece of property but had no knowledge of the drums.

April 20, 1993: EDG Request to send CIL to St. Louis Auto Shredding.

May 13, 1993: CIL sent to St. Louis Auto Shredding. The CIL requested that the waste be characterized. They were also sited for open dumping.

May 20, 1993: CIL Response Letter, prepared by Ray Reott, legal council for St. Louis Auto Shredding. Mr. Reott stated that St. Louis Auto Shredding would contact one of it's consulting engineers to inspect the area and make some recommendations. Mr. Reott disagreed with the violations, claiming that the material was not associated with the facility and that it was placed on the site by another party.

- June 2, 1993: Agency's response to the CIL Response letter. Ken Mensing concurred with Ray Reott that it is unknown where the material was generated or how it became to be placed on the property. However the site where the material is located is owned by St. Louis Auto Shredding and they are responsible for characterizing the waste.
- June 10, 1993: Telephone Conversation Record, Ed, Karkut had called Ken Mensing to inform him that St. Louis Auto Shredding had hired Andrews Environmental Engineering to inspect the abandoned drum area and collect waste characterization samples from the drums and the soil. Mr. Karkut stated that they had not been able to get to the area because it was too wet. Ken requested that he be advised on their progress.
- Sept. 7, 1993: Andrews Environmental Engineering Site Inspection Report dated August 12, 1993. The dump area in question was described as 100 feet by 150 feet. They noted 27 drums of unknown solid waste material. The material was described as ranging from white paint resin like material, blue-grey material, porous solid white weathered exterior and brown elastic interior and surface soils with reddish color intermixed with metal fillings and mispunched washers. Most of the drums were tipped over, rusting and some contained bullet holes, there were no markings or writings on the drums and they appeared to have been there along time. Material similar to that found in the drums was noted scattered on the ground throughout the area.
- July 31, 1995: Site photos taken by Ken Mensing showing the drums and waste material on the ground (Roll# 2613 - Photos 2-11).
- Aug. 21, 1995: Letter from Ken Mensing to Ed Karkut of St. Louis Auto Shredding requesting information on drum sampling and future proposed work on the site. The Agency had received a report (see September 7, above) and had not received any further contact from St. Louis Auto Shredding.
- Oct. 10, 1995: PECL sent to Ed Karkut, requesting a meeting to discuss the outstanding violations concerning the abandoned drum site.
- Oct. 11, 1995: Phone Conversation Record of Ken Mensing and Irv Piolet of St. Louis Auto Shredding. Mr. Piolet informed Ken that he had received the PECL letter. He said his intention was to clean up the drums as soon as possible.

- Oct. 11, 1995 Cont: Mr. Piolet requested a list of cleanup contractors so he could get competitive bids and reiterated their position that they did not dump the drums. Ken responded by sending Mr. Piolet a list of contractors that was on the back of the IEPA Emergency Response Directory. Ken also informed Mr. Piolet that he realized that it was unknown how the drums got on the site but that St. Louis Auto Shredding was the owner of the property and therefore responsible for the cleanup.
- Oct. 20, 1995: Response to Oct. 10, 1995 PECL letter from St. Louis Auto Shredding Attorney Ray Reott. Mr. Reott informed the Agency that he was working on getting a consultant to remove the drums and that no one from the St. Louis Auto Shredding Company was going to attend the October 23, 1995 meeting requested by the Agency in the PECL letter.
- Dec. 1, 1995: Letter from Doug Andrews of Andrews Environmental Engineering to John Fitzpatrick of Environmental Waste Consultants concerning the proposed sampling of the abandoned waste drums.
- Jan. 19, 1996: Waste Analysis and Health and Safety Plan prepared by Andrews Environmental Engineering.
- March 15, 1996: Agency letter to Ed Karkut requesting a copy of the analytical report on the samples collected from the 27 drums of abandoned waste. This letter also requested a site investigation to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of soil contamination associated with the abandoned drum area.
- March 15, 1996: Fax from John Fitzpatrick that informed the Agency that the analytical information pertaining to the 27 drums of waste would be sent to the Agency on Monday of the following week. He also informed this office that 20 of the drums had levels of Pcb's greater than 50 ppm and these were going to be shipped to the Clive Incineration Facility in Clive, Utah. The remaining 7 drums of waste were going to be sent to the Laidlaw Waste Systems Landfill in Roxanna, Illinois.
- March 18, 1996: Analytical Data from the 27 drums of waste. Submitted by Environmental Waste Consultants

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April 23, 1996: Agency Memorandum written by Tom Miller-FOS-Collinsville describing drum removal activities observed at the site on April 4, 1996. This memo includes 4 photos from roll# 2779 that illustrates the drum site at the time of removal activities. Gross surface contamination was picked up with drums at the time of the removal.

April 15, 1998: Agency Memorandum written by Tom Miller describing site recon performed per the request of IDOT contractor Brian Trask of the Illinois Geological Survey. IDOT contacted this office and requested help locating the former drum site. Ken Mensing and Tom Miller accompanied Mr. Trask to the site on April 2, 1998.

cc: John Sherrill
cc: BOL - Collinsville



Mary A. Gade, Director

2009 Mall Street, Collinsville, IL 62234

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 15, 1998

To: BOL - File

From: Tom MillerTM - FOS - Collinsville

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On April 1, 1998, Kathy Vieregge was contacted by Brian Trask of the Illinois State Geological Survey concerning the St. Louis Auto Shredding Drum Site located North of the Cahokia Canal at the terminus of an old railroad right of way frontage road located off of Big Bend Road just west of the intersection of Illinois Route 203 and Big Bend Road. Ms. Vieregge contacted this writer and informed me of the call. After conversing with Mr. Trask, we faxed him the location of the site and he confirmed that it was in the IDOT Proposed Right of Way for a possible new road alignment.

On April 2, 1998, Ken Mensing and this writer conducted a site reconnaissance inspection to observe the current conditions. Upon arriving at the site at 1530 hours we noted the site conditions as illustrated by the attached photos roll # 3224 - photos 1-10. Twenty Seven drums of waste had been removed by St. Louis Auto Shredding's consultant in April of 1996. The drums contained mixed paint and pcb wastes. At the time of the drum removal activities most of the waste residue surrounding the drums had been removed, however a small amount of waste residues remains on the surface at this location. There have not been any surface or subsurface soil samples collected from this site.

On March 15, 1996, the Agency sent a letter to St. Louis Auto Shredding requesting a schedule for performing a site investigation to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of the contamination surrounding the waste drums. St. Louis Auto Shredding did not respond to this request.

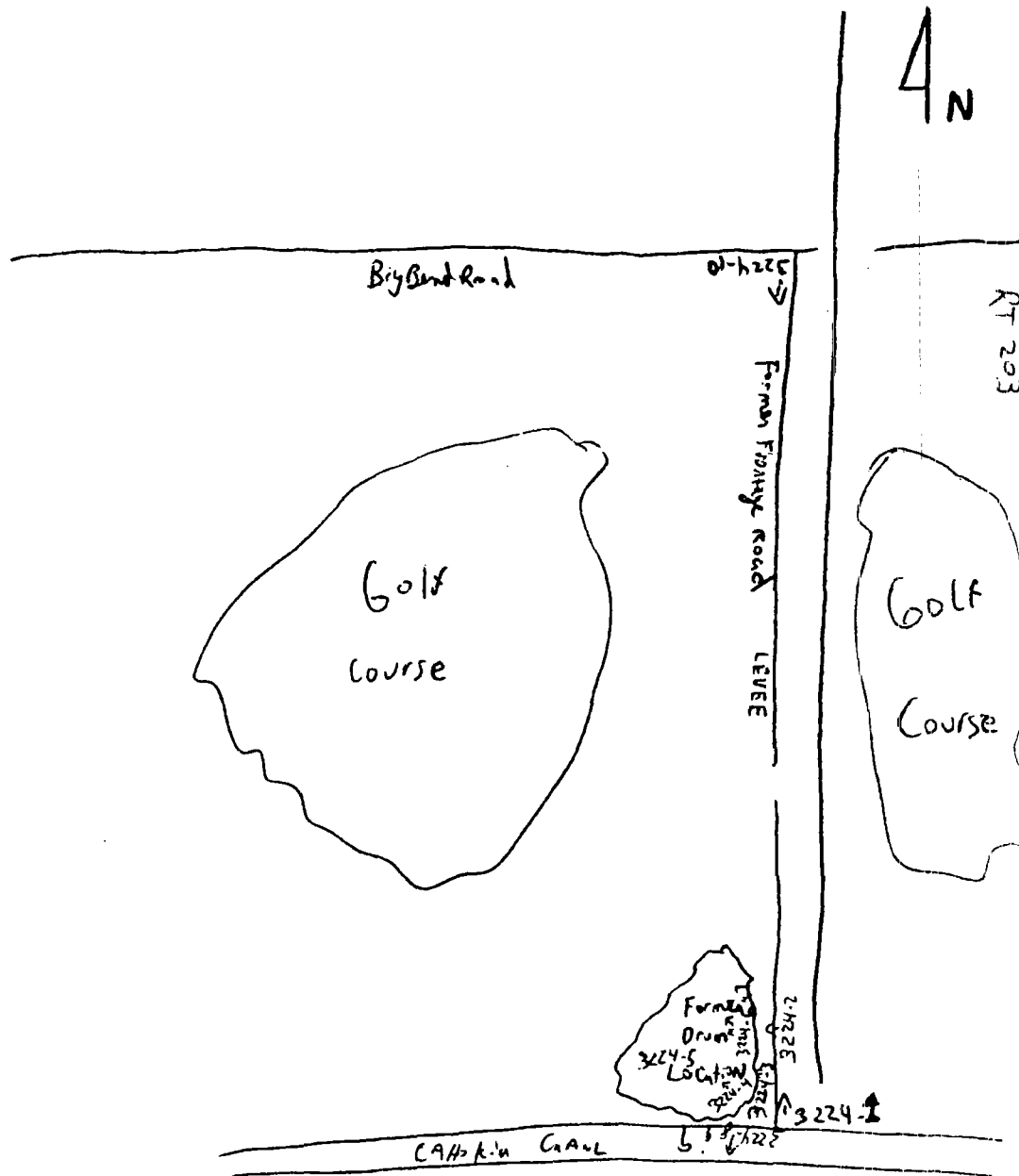
A site inspection with IDOT personnel, Brian Trask and this writer is scheduled for April 21, 1998.

cc: Collinsville Region

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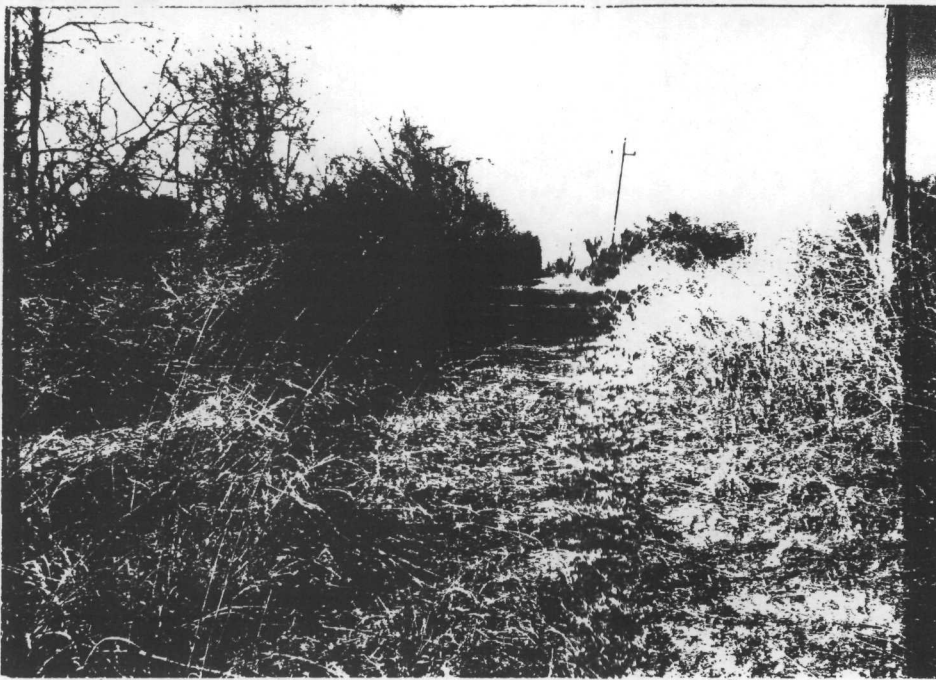
SITE SKETCH

Date of Inspection: 4/2/98 Inspector: Tom Miller & Ken Mundy
Site Code: 1631000003 County: St. Clair
Site Name: National City / St. Louis Auto Shredding Time: 3:30-4:30





INSPECTION PHOTOS

DATE: <u>04 / 02 / 98</u>	SITE #: <u>1 6 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 3</u> CO.: <u>St. Clair</u>
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COMMENTS: Pictures taken toward: South	
ROLL #: 3224 PHOTO #: 1	

DATE: <u>04 / 02 / 98</u>
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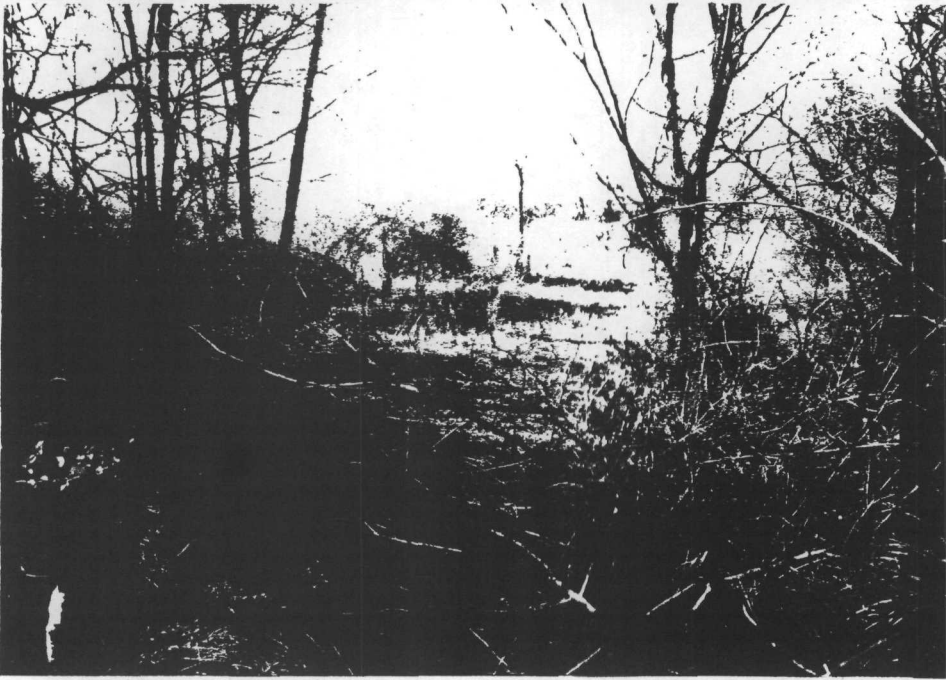


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TIME: 330-430	SITE NAME: National City/St. Louis Auto Shredding
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: <i>Thomas Liddy</i>	
COMMENTS: Pictures taken toward: West Northwest	
ROLL #: 3224 PHOTO #: 3	

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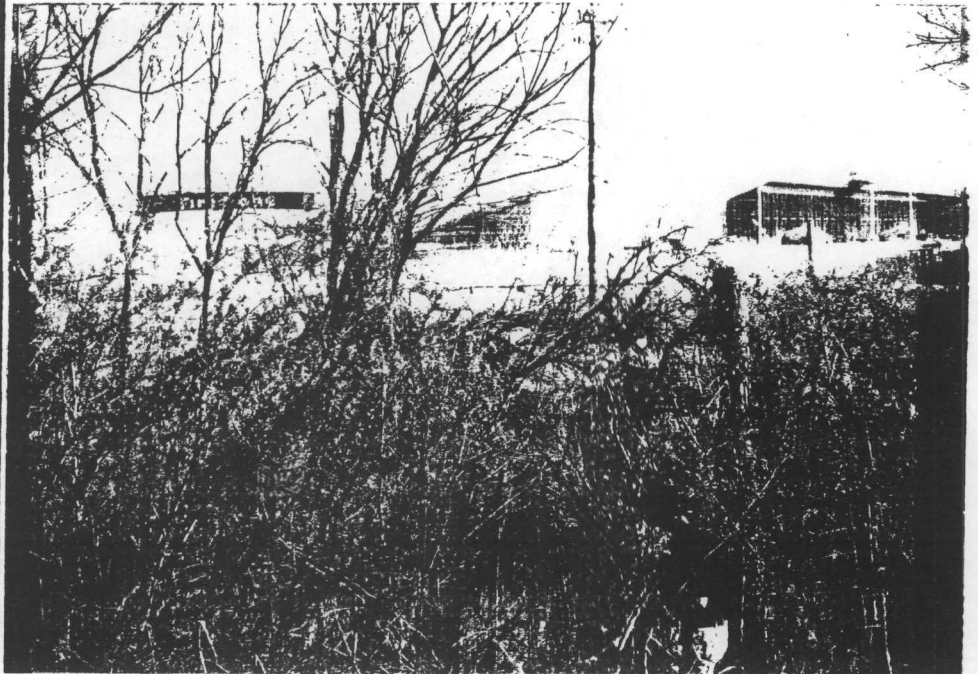
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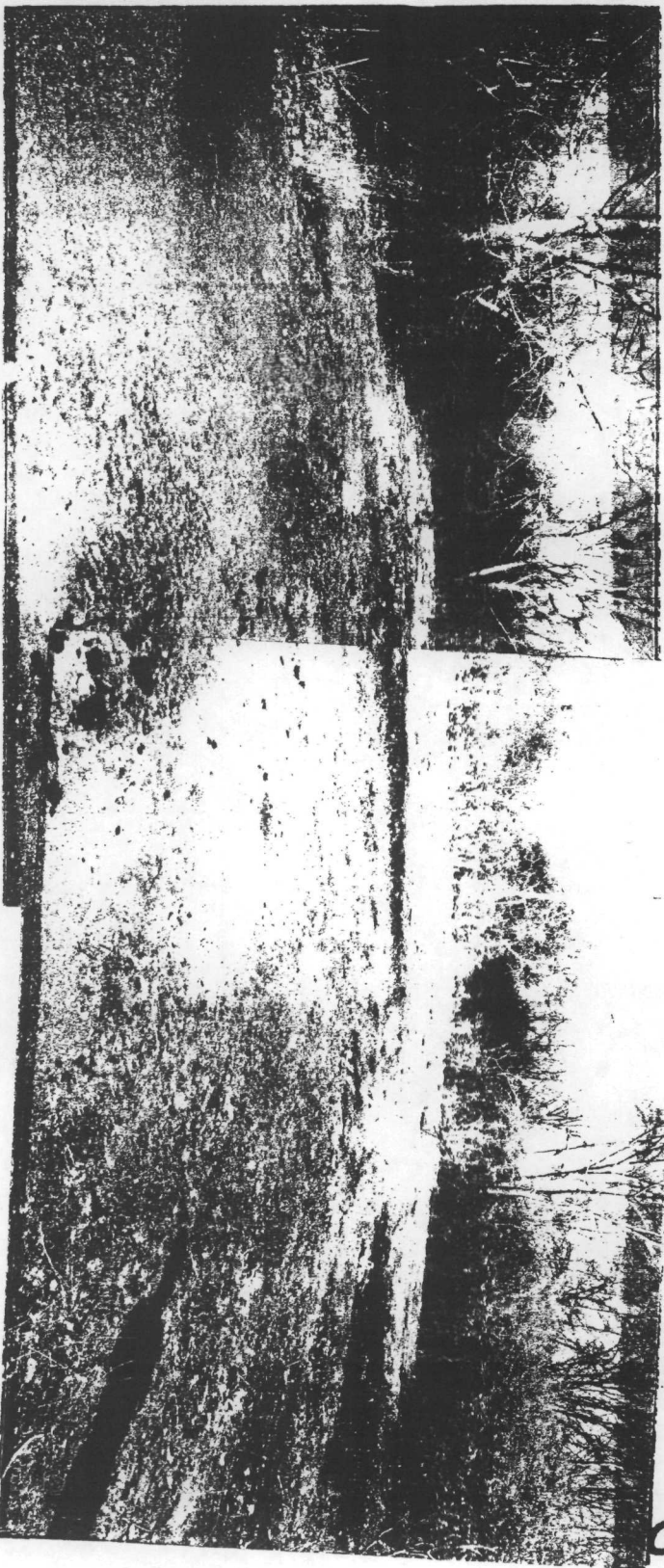


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TIME: 330-430
PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY: <i>Thomas L. Kelly</i>
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